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Food, Drug, Adm., Dept of Health Human Services  
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Rockville, Md. 20857 - Docket #98P-0203-CP

This is to comment and petition the FDA  
to ban the forced molting of "laying" hens  
due to its extreme cruelty and causes disease.  
This farm practice is a serious food safety  
problem for human health.

This oninous practice is an inhumane  
and cruel treatment to the birds and  
also increases the spread of Salmonella,  
Enteritidis infection. It has been  
a fact that many hens choke to  
death after twelve days of starva-  
tion! Chicken factory farms are cruel  
enough with crowding of hundreds of  
thousands of birds - it is ludicrous to  
extend the suffering for profit! The  
public knows little and should be  
informed to stop this molting cruelty  
Please ban the practice under the petition  
Docket #98P-0203/CP Thank you!

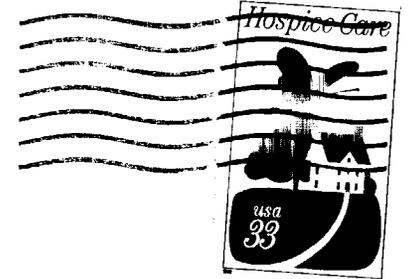
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